

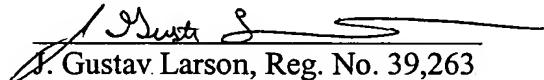
REMARKS

Claims 2-3, 5-18 and 21-24 have been previously allowed. Rejected claims 25 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice. All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Please note that claim 4 was canceled in the Response mailed on August 20, 2003, and is not pending. Withdrawal of all rejections is requested.

Applicant(s) does not believe that any additional fees beyond those listed in the accompanying fee transmittal are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 01-0365.

Respectfully submitted,

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